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Claims 29, 35-39 and 42 have been amended as follows:

29. (Twice Amended) A test strip comprising a spreading material, the spreading material comprising a porous flat structure impregnated with a wetting agent, wherein the wetting agent is N-oleoyl-sarcosinate.
35. (Twice Amended) The [spreading material] test strip of claim 29 wherein the spreading material comprises 0.01 to 2.0 % by weight of N-oleoyl-sarcosinate relative to the weight of the material before impregnation.
36. (Twice Amended) The [spreading material] test strip of claim 29 wherein the porous flat structure comprises a textile sheet material made of monofilaments or corresponding multifilament yarns.
37. (Twice Amended) The [spreading material] test strip of claim 29 wherein the porous flat structure comprises a fabric or fleece material with a weight per unit area of 10 to 200 g/m<sup>2</sup>.
38. (Twice Amended) The [spreading material] test strip of claim 29 wherein the porous flat structure has at least one of a thickness of 20 to 200 µm and a pore volume of 30 to 85%.
39. (Twice Amended) A process for producing a test strip comprising a spreading material, comprising the steps of providing a test strip comprising a porous flat structure and impregnating the porous flat structure with a wetting agent, wherein the wetting agent is N-oleoyl-sarcosinate.
42. (Twice Amended) The test strip of claim 41 wherein the overlay comprises one or several flat[-shaped] overlay elements which are attached to the test strip in such a way that a part of their surface can be displaced freely relative to the strip surface when the test strip is bent towards a side on which the overlay is located.

New claims 50-54 have been added.